Year	Location of the Patent office	Number of applications filed	Number of patents granted	Percentage of grant
2007-08	IPO	35,067	15,261	43.51
2007	USPTO	4,56,154	1,57,283	34.48
2007	EPO	2,18,200	54,700	25.06
2007	SIPO	2,40,161	67,948	2829

Consequent on continuing efforts made by the Government, the filling of patent applications which impact on the number of patents granted, has increased from 17,466 in 2004-05 to 35,067 in 2007-08. Similarly, the number of patents granted increased from 1911 to 15,261 during the same period. The percentage of patents granted *vis-a-vis* applications filed in the Indian Patent Office is comparable to the percentage in developed countries and China. The measures taken to strengthen the processes that help creation of Intellectual Property Rights in India are as under:

(0 A scheme of Modernisation of Intellectual Property offices at a cost of Rs. 153.00 crore was implemented during the 9th and 10th Five Year Plans for Infrastructure development, computerization, human resource development and training and awareness.

(ii) Four new integrated Intellectual Property Offices were set up in Delhi,, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai.

(iii) Work for the setting of the National Institute of Intellectual Property Management at Nagpur has commenced.

(iv) E-filing of Patent applications has been made operational with effect from 20th July, 2007.

(v) Seminars/Conferences/Workshops at national and international level have been organized for creating awareness and promotion of Intellectual Property Rights.

(vi) Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) have been signed between India and France, United States of America, United Kingdom, European Patent Office, Japan, Switzerland and Germany for cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property Rights.

Involvement of R&R Hospital in illegal organ transplantation

3888. PROF. ALKABALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

whether the involvement of Army's Research and Referral Hospital in illegal organ transplantation have recently came to the notice of the Government;

if so, the details thereof;

whether Government proposes to conduct departmental inquiry against the Hospital involved in illegal organ transplantation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Recently there were certain press reports about alleged irregularities in Renal Transplantation at Army Hospital (R&R) Delhi Cantt in 2004, which were investigated by the Civil Police Authorities. Certain civilians in the case have been charge-sheeted and they are facing trial. A Court of Inquiry has also been ordered by the Army Authorities. It has been clarified by the Hospital ' Authorities through press that the hospital is strictly following the guidelines contained in the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 and the Human Organs Transplantation Rules, 1995. No fresh incident has come to the notice of the Government.

CBI Inquiry against private company related to former soldiers

† 3889. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the Parliamentary Committee had recommended CBI inquiry of a private company related with former soldiers working in the Gevra-Deepika Coal Blocks of Chhattisgarh in view of the complaints received against it;

whether the Prime Minister has recommended that the responsibility of its investigation be given to CBI;

whether the case of permission for CBI inquiry is pending with the Ministry of Defence because the above company is related with the former soldiers of defence;

if so, by when and at which level officers this case is pending in the Ministry of Defence; and

the details of complaints received against the above company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that the Group of Members of Parliament constituted by Ministry of Coal which visited the South Eastern Coalfield Limited (SECL) coal fields in April, 2007, recommended a CBI inquiry into the working of Ex-servicemen Coal Transportation Companies. Based on the recommendation of the Group of Members of Parliament the issue of nexus between Ex-servicemen, Coal Transportation Companies and private parties has been handed over to CBI for investigation.

Resentment due to poor pay package

3890. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pay Panel had recommended hike of only 13-15% in take-home packages of Major to Brigadier ranks with the result that the many Army officers have reportedly expressed the desire to quit their posts in protest;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry proposes to review the Pay Panel's recommendations because the Army is already short of 11,153 officers and the situation is likely to worsen if their demands are not met; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi